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This Bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, shows the monthly factory production in Victoria of certain commodities. For the purpose of the accompanying statistics a "factory" is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. Monthly averages for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 and monthly production for February to April 1953 and 1954 are shown.

Many of the items included here are shown in greater detail in other publications of the Bureau.

Figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. Figures up to 1951-52 inclusive are taken from the Government Statist's annual factory returns wherever possible. It should be noted that in some cases annual returns are accepted from factories for periods other than those ending on June 30th, each year.

The scope of the Bulletin will be widened from time to time to include new information as it becomes available.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Statistics of the following items are collected by the Authorities shown. All other items are collected by the Commonwealth or State Statistician.

Superphosphate	Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture.
Black Coal	Joint Coal Board.
Gold	State Department of Mines.
Beer Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes	Commonwealth Department of Trade and Customs.
Sawn Native Timber	Forestry and Timber Bureau.

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Commodity	Unit	Monthly Averages				Monthly Production					
		Year				1953			1954		
		1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	Feb.	March	April	Feb.	March	April
FUEL: Briquettes	ton	49,047	42,617	47,354	45,422	48,321	43,745	44,881	47,805	54,781	55,878
Black Coal	"	10,762	10,430	12,023	12,933	13,979	13,081	8,558	10,628	10,969	
Brown Coal	"	636,410	608,347	674,692	675,113	635,164	664,767	679,750	r666,871	738,073	736,359
HEAT, LIGHT & POWER:											
Gas made in Gasworks	mill.cub.ft.	896	954	1,044	1,100	873	998	1,030	931	1,074	1,076
Total Electricity Generated	mill.k.w.h.	226	240	247	264	239	267	261	274	317	308
BUILDING MATERIALS:											
Clay Bricks	'000	12,240	14,880	15,434	13,544	12,826	14,680	14,800	14,992	16,970	16,713
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	504	551	610	512	516	527	r 492	521	568	519
Roofing Tiles - Cement	'000	1,595	1,894	1,934	1,363	1,295	1,401	1,351	1,374	1,624	1,510
Terra Cotta	"	1,023	1,025	1,035	1,212	1,235	1,222	1,252	1,207	1,383	1,201
SAWN NATIVE TIMBER:	'000 sup.ft.	25,733	27,470	29,113	23,855	26,116	26,073	r 23,053	r 25,728	30,202	
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS											
Paints - Ready Mixed Paint	gal.	100,095	121,956	120,943	97,972	113,622	126,012	r127,690	119,212	136,276	124,191
Lacquers	"	20,996	27,146	23,633	17,501	23,930	26,005	19,806	21,223	27,936	22,634
Thinners for Lacquers	"	30,603	37,738	39,165	37,487	47,491	40,258	43,307	42,125	45,923	47,587
Enamels (Nat. & Syn.)	"	42,821	39,130	48,464	44,055	44,867	53,399	r 49,919	49,606	59,716	46,811
Water Paints	'000 lb.	117	118	157	386	519	426	584	735	954	575
Soap - Household	cwt.	16,745	18,589	18,748	16,823	18,159	17,348	n.a.	10,179	15,200	11,310
Toilet & Hand	"	3,798	4,650	4,519	3,748	4,602	2,392	2,648	2,885	4,363	2,683
Flakes & Chips	"	1,715	2,763	2,310	2,528	2,655	2,568	3,168	2,707	4,045	2,113
Industrial	"	2,523	5,268	3,148	2,726	3,116	3,233	3,846	3,160	3,096	3,330
Sand	"	750	1,120	890	661	268	466	750	785	919	865
Soft	"	522	650	729	568	392	736	552	613	647	766
Liquid	"	1,369	2,333	2,818	2,469	2,440	2,722	2,851	2,848	3,334	3,005
Extracts & Powders	"	22,265	25,782	32,485	30,883	34,240	36,541	34,988	31,016	41,119	29,876
Superphosphate	ton	52,069	51,257	52,750	47,616	39,983	55,124	58,108	51,660	69,242	56,892
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	"	19,836	20,165	20,234	18,538	16,957	21,964	20,775	20,684	25,744	23,064
METALS: - Gold (Mine Production)	fine oz.	5,532	5,809	5,343	5,812	6,169	6,761	6,412	6,099	6,545	5,223
PERAMBULATORS: (Inc.Pushers & Strollers)	number	4,051	4,577	3,277	3,823	3,966	4,610	4,108	4,317	4,962	4,269

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MATTRESSES:											
Woven Wire, Link Mesh & Spring (a)	Number	5,694	6,158	6,679	7,659	9,310	10,428	9,080	7,722	8,672	8,452
Inner Spring	"	5,115	6,619	7,725	9,384	10,962	11,581	10,196	11,367	12,913	11,079
Soft Filled	"	9,974	10,950	9,027	8,310	9,095	9,678	8,542	5,770	7,453	5,860
Rubber	"								944	1,012	1,069
Other	"								1,016	1,639	816
ENGINES: - Other than Marine - Petrol and Other Light Oils-2H.P. and under 6 H.P.	"	383	379	371	360	515	411	337	n.a.	n.a.	182
ELECTRIC MOTORS: (b)											
Under 1 H.P.	"	4,971	6,549	8,260	7,764	7,866	7,990	10,163	12,946	13,658	13,518
1 H.P. and under 2½ H.P.	"	828	734	610	434	219	451	808	570	863	658
2½ " " 5 H.P.	"	429	371	312	167	132	222	94	210	265	261
5 " " 10 H.P.	"	122	178	172	103	121	214	31	119	127	174
10 " and over	"	43	42	52	43	47	43	34	43	36	26
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:											
Toasters (Domestic)	"	7,370	6,991	7,308	6,021	7,236	7,512	6,054	5,061	6,049	7,370
Hot Water Jugs (Complete)	"	12,431	11,953	12,437	6,852	9,782	9,637	10,296	9,005	11,774	9,652
Radios and Radiograms	"	8,181	10,956	7,639	7,803	8,215	10,142	7,879	8,360	10,940	12,365
Domestic Clothes Washing Machines	"	n.a.	364	624	699	745	914	755	965	1,308	1,037
BUILDING FITTINGS:											
Stoves - Solid Fuel	"	1,115	1,360	1,307	1,094	1,040	1,061	1,091	947	1,220	1,247
Gas	"	1,393	1,357	1,107	900	873	1,000	865	810	970	838
Coppers - Gas	"	810	836	577	533	628	688	542	471	553	749
Electric	"	326	840	468	226	192	368	241	322	268	276
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	"	798	794	752	528	480	639	613	435	549	478
Gas	"	850	717	551	557	613	537	618	589	721	637
Electric	"	41	370	263	241	230	278	244	191	260	203
Sink Heaters - Electric	"	467	750	476	348	271	363	370	517	344	497
Sinks, Stainless Steel	"	4,160	5,362	5,744	5,934	5,707	6,337	6,286	6,098	7,848	7,270
PEDAL CYCLES: (made and/or assembled)	"	n.a.	3,874	2,348	2,149	2,419	2,442	2,151	1,915	2,316	1,965
FLOOR COVERINGS:											
Wool Felt & Carpets	'000 sq.yds.	132	137	192	148	161	147	146	191	208	179

(a) Figures prior to 1951-52 do not include mattresses made and incorporated in stretchers and folding beds.

(b) Figures include all motors made and incorporated in other products of the manufacturers.

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COTTON SEWING THREAD: (counts over 12)	lb.	45,695	64,461	69,657	53,549	55,974	60,180	62,520	65,802	84,708	77,207
COTTON TEXTILES: Cotton Tweeds	sq.yd.	80,017	81,702	80,705	51,270	36,119	47,678	73,095	89,278	111,882	103,311
Drills, Jeans, etc.	"	244,296	220,175	298,027	285,126	255,078	243,959	330,056	348,974	395,246	372,940
WOOL: Scoured and carbonised wool	'000 lb.	5,492	4,679	3,973	4,059	4,174	4,954	4,934	4,027	5,281	4,468
Wool Tops	"	1,132	1,100	792	861	931	1,053	1,107	1,050	1,356	1,100
Yarn - Worsted	"	1,055	990	775	858	941	1,009	1,116	1,143	1,309	1,157
Woollen	"	1,188	1,121	863	812	914	901	997	1,024	1,080	1,001
WOOL TEXTILES: Woven Cloth - Worsted	'000 sq.yds.	663	671	528	487	516	542	528	552	656	495
Woollen	"	826	702	564	590	737	731	820	699	745	579
Other (a)	"	211	234	127	167	189	229	231	211	252	253
Blankets	number	89,181	98,667	64,046	43,537	43,549	44,446	54,304	44,954	61,991	67,970
Rugs	"	5,857	5,536	3,652	4,043	2,361	3,686	4,389	5,003	5,349	5,669
HOSIERY: Women's, Maids' & Girls'											
Full-Fashioned	doz.pr.	79,907	84,462	90,772	108,938	105,046	125,864	108,280	115,112	142,391	133,139
Circular	"	7,173	7,041	5,178	8,725	10,923	12,263	12,826	13,087	15,423	13,648
Anklelets	"	23,321	24,391	21,018	29,057	29,967	36,942	r 38,908	40,935	57,145	41,846
Men's & Boys'	"	80,459	103,649	96,302	107,792	110,108	111,968	r 116,467	114,259	141,706	110,160
Children's	"	38,399	34,034	31,096	27,891	30,954	33,760	26,962	35,328	43,924	37,791
KNITTED UNDERWEAR (b): Men's and Boys'	doz.			48,286	38,772	33,130	36,723	38,980	49,324	58,461	53,516
Women's & Girls'	"	121,486	136,674	92,352	74,047	71,343	81,075	80,114	93,125	117,717	99,243
Infants' & Babywear	"			2,177	1,677	2,168	1,488	1,986	3,085	2,444	1,998
FOUNDATION GARMENTS: Corsets	"	3,581	4,686	4,703	5,393	5,256	5,647	5,612	6,794	7,751	6,942
Corselets	"	627	440	542	308	366	302	348	255	422	327
Brassieres	"	13,525	15,887	17,290	13,903	14,752	18,423	r 17,125	19,021	24,040	20,046
CLOTHING (except knitted):											
Shirts - Men's and Boys'	"	25,888	26,585	29,297	23,886	20,892	24,992	r 23,906	29,447	39,960	31,538
Pyjama Suits - Men's and Boys'	"	6,496	5,471	6,442	5,312	6,564	6,757	8,688	7,066	9,765	9,935
GLOVES (not rubber): Dress - Leather	doz.pr.	2,268	1,792	1,087	1,718	1,836	2,096	1,917	464	584	403
Other	"	2,154	2,889	3,003	4,191	3,923	2,979	4,585	4,499	5,698	5,445
Work	"	1,204	1,209	1,710	1,231	1,290	1,264	1,368	1,630	2,330	2,060
FOOTWEAR (not rubber): Boots & Shoes	'000 pr.	604	678	663	647	617	662	672	628	759	694
Sandals	"	64	80	65	39	23	11	15	70	36	47
Slippers	"	356	355	309	282	291	302	345	363	387	363
FUR FELT HATS (Complete): Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,613	3,420	2,783	2,284	2,018	2,751	2,299	2,112	2,792	n.a.

(a) Includes Worsted and Woollen Mixtures and other mixtures predominantly of Wool.

(b) Made in knitting mills until June 1952. Thereafter includes underwear made from knitted piece goods.

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FOOD, DRINK & TOBACCO:											
Flour (from Wheat)	short ton	37,315	37,407	46,600	49,226	45,622	42,791	44,929	32,089	36,459	37,038
Bran (from Wheat)	"	7,466	7,259	9,136	9,334	8,779	8,012	8,518	6,689	7,231	6,883
Pollard (from Wheat)	"	7,658	7,424	9,336	10,515	9,630	9,151	9,857	6,740	7,472	7,165
Biscuits	'000 lb.	2,786	2,818	3,327	3,151	3,430	3,230	3,254	3,268	3,982	3,491
Confectionery - Chocolate Basis	"	2,666	2,221	1,898	1,755	1,437	1,754	2,128	1,560	2,318	2,265
Other	"	2,128	2,100	2,317	2,244	2,054	2,247	2,321	2,044	2,515	2,444
Beef and Veal	ton	10,384	11,384	11,437	10,177	10,068	11,203	10,543	11,963	13,970	12,514
Lamb	"	5,582	3,917	3,686	4,914	2,946	3,311	3,014	2,978	3,277	2,751
Mutton	"	6,773	4,670	5,396	7,689	11,292	9,669	6,223	10,134	8,253	6,642
Pork	"	554	633	726	583	526	710	592	583	657	693
Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight) (a)	"	661	659	747	678	584	631	678	509	574	601
Total Meat (in terms of fresh) (a)	"	24,401	21,500	22,261	24,332	25,649	25,773	21,294	26,350	26,938	23,417
Butter (factory only)	"	5,249	4,832	4,936	4,772	4,808	3,624	2,260	5,332	4,823	
Cheese (factory only)	"	1,766	1,881	1,853	1,876	1,804	1,234	656	2,018	1,663	941
Processed Milk Products -											
Condensed Full-Cream Milk - Sweetened	'000 lb.	7,076	6,796	7,358	6,231	5,488	4,810	3,467	4,616	4,101	3,743
Unsweetened	"				1,657	1,463	1,751	n.a.	n.a.	1,515	n.a.
Powdered Full-Cream Milk	"	2,803	2,165	2,232	2,221	1,751	1,223	923	2,021	1,563	1,196
Other Processed Wholemilk Products (b)	"	1,289	1,799	1,978	1,435	1,852	1,788	949	2,403	2,221	1,344
Ice Cream	'000 gals.	328	429	407	342	517	478	256	458	369	302
Beer (including Waste Beer)	"	4,143	4,434	4,706	5,056	5,462	5,584	5,034	4,353	6,927	6,013
Oatmeal & Rolled or Crushed Oats	cwt.	15,128	13,478	10,273	r 9,341	r 8,959	r 14,473	r 17,474	17,183	24,153	19,811
Prepared Breakfast Foods (from Wheat)	"	12,222	11,018	11,674	11,314	12,646	11,367	11,301	11,285	12,728	8,955
Edible Starch (Maize and Wheat)	"	7,997	7,799	8,237	7,053	7,839	8,264	6,565	9,021	9,876	8,318
Margarine - Table	"	1,569	886	1,308	1,465	601	817	952	1,216	1,794	1,582
Other	"	6,926	5,507	6,973	5,506	4,105	5,206	5,109	5,116	5,542	4,777
Malt - Barley & Wheaten	'000 (c)	307	309	327	347	291	345	372	319	401	416
Jams, Conserves & Jellies (d)	'000 lb.	5,917	5,848	4,827	3,401	7,018	3,522	2,156	8,902	5,703	2,500
Canned Apricots, Peaches, Pears (d)	"	7,954	8,511	10,368	9,273	22,087	55,384	19,384	29,694	71,406	45,530
Green Peas	"	225	282	383	239	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	..
Tomatoes	"	377	237	403	194	750	1,179	328	71	231	98
Other Vegetables	"	1,572	2,355	2,615	1,002	482	783	834	711	521	417
Tomato Juice	'000 gals.	34	13	50	101	398	383	117	158	175	115
Sauce	"	136	130	134	111	224	262	104	105	161	124
Soup	"	176	206	266	154	402	560	223	377	659	242
Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes	'000 lb.	869	914	1,004	981	1,051	1,093	970	1,051	1,219	1,048

(a) From February, 1953 onwards, pressed and canned bacon and ham have been converted to bone-in weight.

(b) Includes Infants' and Invalids' Food. (c) Bushels of 40 lb. (d) Includes Tasmanian Production.